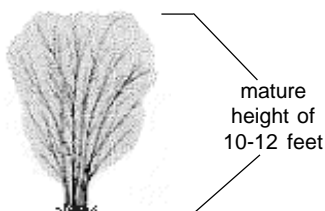


TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Rose-of-Sharon
Hibiscus syriacus

The Rose-of-Sharon's 2-4 inch leaves are simple, alternate, three-lobed, medium to dark green, and glabrous except for a few hairs on the veins. The fruit is a five-valved, brown capsule which persists through the winter and can provide a positive identification. The late-season flowers are 2-4 inches in diameter and vary in color from white to red or purple, depending on cultivar. The Rose-of-Sharon is a low growing, multi-stemmed shrub ideal for urban plantings and under powerlines. The shrub can also be pruned to behave like a small tree. The multitude of variations of this genus offer the landscaper unique opportunity to highlight variety in colors and shapes in one design.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

If El Nino wasn't enough for you, the weather pundits are warning us to brace ourselves for La Nina. Which means there is cooler and wetter than normal weather in store for us this winter, and that could spell trouble for a lot of the large shade trees in and around your neighborhood. Fortunately, there is something you can do to prevent such disasters from happening. "What," you may ask, "can I do for my valuable trees to prevent ice and wind damage?" First and foremost, remove all of the dead and decaying limbs from the crown. Secondly, have the tree pruned, to narrow the crown and eliminate branches with weak attachment points, i.e. tight crotches with "included" bark. Finally, plan on pruning your young trees on a regular cycle to promote stronger branch attachments and decrease surface area. And remember, all work should be performed by an ISA Certified Arborist, and trees should NEVER be topped. Have a Happy Washington Arbor Month! - Kevin

Tree Steward Program meeting in Grandview

The Tree Steward Program provides training in urban forestry including, weeding, watering, sucker removal, straightening, removal of tree ties and stakes, tree identification, tree planting, and maintenance. Graduates of the Tree Steward Program will be prepared to take an active role in the care of their community trees.

The next class is being held October 24-25 at the Carl L. Stevens Citizen Center in Grandview, WA. The Program is open to all those interested, but space is limited, so sign up now! There is a \$15.00 fee, to cover handouts. For Program information and registration forms, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

'Take Pride in America' looking for few good people

The Wenatchee Chapter of Take Pride in America is recruiting walkers, joggers, bicyclists, and canoeists to take part in the fun and educational Lake to River Pine Relay on October 14-15. The plan is to leave Lake Wenatchee State Park on Oct. 14 with a ponderosa pine seedling and carry it to fifth-grade classrooms in Cashmere, Entiat, Leavenworth, Orondo, Waterville, Wenatchee, and East Wenatchee. During October, area fifth-graders will be writing poems and essays on the importance of trees. They will meet the relayers at the finish line where the seedling will be planted in celebration of Washington Arbor Month.

People interested in carrying the seedling, or just helping out, can contact Take Pride President Scott Ballard at (509) 662-5111 or Matt Warner at (509) 662-1551 days or (509) 884-4958 evenings.

Oregon and Washington Continuing Education Calendar

The Continuing Education Coordinating Committee for Forestry and Range recently released the 1998-1999 calendar of opportunities for professionals to improve their working knowledge through natural resource courses at accredited universities. For more information or copies of the calendar, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

1998 WALP Conference & Environmental Awards Banquet

The Embassy Suites in Bellevue, WA will be hosting Washington Association of Landscape Professional's 1998 Conference and Awards Banquet on October 29 and 30. The Conference will feature speakers such as: Ralph Bruskos, Bob Andrews, Caryn Spain, Ed Hume, and more. Full Conference registration costs \$200 for members and \$250 for non-members, and includes seminars, lunches, evening boat cruise on Lake Washington, silent auction, and the awards banquet. Tickets are also available for the individual events. For more information, contact WALP at 1-800-833-2186.

In the works (continued)

*The trees along our city streets
Are lovely, gallant things;
Their roots lie deep in blackened soil,
And yet they spread their wings*
-Vere Dargan

TRIVIA: What deciduous tree is known to have three different leaf shapes on the same twig?

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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(Sassafra's albidum)

Advanced Tree Appraisal Workshop

This workshop will be focusing on a variety of advanced tree appraisal methods. Discussion will include the different methods of tree appraisal, when it is best to use each of the methods given the situation, when one would use a timber valuation versus landscape valuation. Also included in this day-long workshop will be case studies of previous court cases as well as a field session. Anticipated instructors will be Galen Wright and Steve Goetz, two long-time PNW-ISA members with extensive experience with tree appraisals. This is not an introductory class, so it is assumed that participants will have a working knowledge of appraisals and some experience conducting appraisals. The course will be held on Wednesday November 18, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Ramada Inn Governor House in Olympia. Workshop fees are \$85 for non-members, \$68 for members, and \$30 for students. If registered before November 1, you will receive a \$5 discount. For registration information, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

City of Seattle and PlantAmnesty to dedicate heritage tree

On Thursday October 15, from 11:00 am to noon, PlantAmnesty and City of Seattle officials will meet at Ms. Vivian McLean's residence, 3814 20 Avenue SW, in West Seattle to dedicate her magnificent eighty-foot Black Walnut. The dedication will be the fourth such dedication in Seattle and the first ever on private property. If you are interested in attending, contact PlantAmnesty at (206) 783-9813, or just show up.

Support Your Local Tree: Cornell Structural Soil Mix. Dr. Nina Bassuk and the Urban Horticulture Institute at Cornell University recently released a 13-minute video demonstrating a new soil mix which will safely bear traffic loads after compaction and still allow for root penetration and vigorous tree growth. The structural soil mix is topic of the upcoming TreeLink quarterly newsletter, keep an eye out. For information on borrowing a copy of the video, or obtaining one of your own, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

Strategies to Enhance Sustainable Rural Development. Fifty leaders and activists at a symposium on sustainable rural development were asked to identify and evaluate key issues needing federal legislation. This report summarizes a discussion of those issues and specific action proposals. For ordering information, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

October

- 5-7 Trees, People, and The Law National Conference. Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE. For registration information, call NADF toll free 1-800-448-7337.
- 8-10 American Society of Consulting Arborists Annual Meeting. Napa Valley, CA. For registration information, call ASCA at (301) 947-0483.
- 17 13th Annual Women in Horticulture Conference "Building a Healthy Business, Creating Healthy Environments." Wyndham Garden Hotel, SeaTac, WA. For more details, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.
- 20-22 Ninth Annual Environmental Forum for Business. Spokane, WA. Seven interesting conference tracks are available. For information, visit the website at <http://www.environmentalforum.org/>
- 25-28 Grassroots Summit: Growing Our Urban and Community Forest Movement. Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, VA. For information, contact Nancy Wolf at (212) 677-1603 or Kathy Sevebeck at (540) 231-2411
- 29-30 1998 ASLA/VUFC Conference, "Common Ground in the Community Forest." Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, VA. For information or registration packets, call (540) 231-2411.